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**In the application of** : Anslow, Peter J.  
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Communication Systems  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

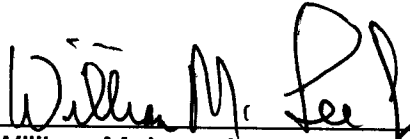
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